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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), UNGA

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH - TERRORISM SECTION

REF: SECTO 27009, SECTO 27013

1. YOU WILL BE GETTING A RUNDOWN ON TERRORISM INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE GERMAN ONE, FROM WES EGAN IN RESPONSE TO LARRY'S REQUEST.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL RHETORICAL MATERIAL FROM THORNTON FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD REPLACE THE LAST PARA OF PAGE 61 AND THE FIRST PARA OF PAGE 62 OF THE AUGUST 26 DRAFT. (IO ALSO CLEARED.)

3. BEGIN TEXT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE BASIC CRIMINAL

NATURE OF BRUTAL ATTACKS ON INNOCENT VICTIMS CAN BE

JUSTIFIED BY REFERENCE TO LOFTY PURPOSES. TO IGNORE,
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ACCEPT OR CONDONE SUCH CRIMES ON POLITICAL GROUNDS IS TO
TURN OUR BACKS ON THE MORAL AND LEGAL CODES WHICH
UNDERLIE CIVILIZATION. WE CANNOT, WE WILL NOT, EXCUSE
ACTS WHICH ARE CRIMINAL BY ANY STANDARDS BECAUSE THE
CRIMINALS, OR THEIR SUPPORTERS, PROFESS SOME HIGHER
PURPOSE.

4. THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM CLEARLY TRANSCENDS NATIONAL
BOUNDARIES. IT CAN ONLY BE DEALT WITH THROUGH THE
COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF ALL NATIONS WHO REJECT THE PREMISE
THAT TERROR, AND THE INTIMIDATION OF THE INNOCENT, ARE
VALID MEANS TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. WE MUST
FACE THE REALITY THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WILL NOT
GO AWAY WITHOUT COOPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS BY
RESPONSIBLE NATIONS.

5. I AM CONVINCED THAT POLITICAL DIFFERENCES NEED NOT
POSE AN INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIER TO MEETING THE THREAT THAT
FACES ALL MANKIND. THE MEANS ARE THERE. LET US DETERMINE
HERE AND NOW TO MAKE A NEW START -- TO DEMONSTRATE OUR
COMMITMENT TO CIVILIZATION.

6. THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT ANY NEW INITIATIVES,
WORK ANY LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES, TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE
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APPROACHES AND TO SECURE THEIR ACCEPTANCE. TO
BE EFFECTIVE, OUR WORK MUST BEGIN NOW; IT MUST STRENGTHEN
AND EXTEND PRACTICAL LEGAL PROCEDURES; AND IT MUST BE
UNIVERSAL IN ITS APPLICATION.

7. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST TAKE STRONGER STEPS

TO DENY SKY-JACKERS AND TERRORISTS A SAFE HAVEN. IT MUST
MAKE CLEAR THAT STATES SUPPORTING, HARBORING OR FAILING TO
PROSECUTE OR EXTRADITE TERRORISTS BECOME INVOLVED IN
THOSE ACTS THEMSELVES, AND IN THE CONSEQUENCES OF THOSE
ACTS. FURTHERMORE, WE NEED ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PROTECT
PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT AND TERMINAL AREAS. IN SHORT, WE
WILL TAKE AND SUPPORT INITIATIVES TO DENY THE INTER-
NATIONAL TERRORIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT MURDER AND
MAYHEM. END TEXT.

8. IO SUGGESTS AMENDING FIRST FULL PARA OF PAGE 61

(AUG. 28 DRAFT) SO THAT SECOND SENTENCE READS: "IT IS
ABOMINABLE THAT SOME NUMBERS OF MANICAL INDIVIDUALS OR
INHUMAN GOVERNMENTS CAN INFLICT THE HORRORS OF TERRORISM
UPON INNOCENT PEOPLE IN ANY OF OUR COUNTRIES. ROBINSON

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